

# JEALOUSY TROUBLEMAKERS AND POLITICS ENDANGERING BOXING

## "WAR" AMONG PROMOTERS IS JUST PETTY SQUABBLING

Sport Has Suffered for Years Through Dishonesty of Commissioners and Promoters Alike—Fearless Board, With Reputation to Uphold and Knowledge of Prevailing Conditions, Should Administer Plain and Fair Walker Law.

By Robert Edgren.

THERE is talk in New York of possible action against boxing and wrestling by State officials, caused by "war" among promoters. If this ever comes about it will be the result of certain troubling individuals, jealous of the success of men with more brains, energy and enterprise than they themselves have.

For many years boxing has suffered through the playing of politics in making appointments, and through the dishonesty of Boxing Commissioners and promoters alike.

It should be possible, in a State like New York, to find a few honest men interested in the sport. It has been done, of course, but honesty isn't the only requirement. The sport should be governed by honest men with reputations to uphold, fearless in enforcing honesty and punishing dishonesty, with a knowledge of conditions and at least as much ability as a man might need to make a success of fighting disputes.

If the Governor of New York tries to "get out from under" to kill boxing because of the possible political effect of petty squabbling indulged in by a few insignificant people who have wormed their way into the sport—then the Governor will be tacitly admitting that he isn't high enough to handle a very small situation, that he is unable to find among his constituents half a dozen men both honest and capable enough to do the work of administration called for by a very fair and plain law.

### "THE TRUST"

As for wrestling, for a good many years the sport has been controlled nearly all over the country by a group of "professional" promoters usually called the "wrestling trust." Wrestlers have been forced to wrestle "to orders." That is, to take their bouts according to schedules arranged at headquarters, cunningly planned to draw the greatest amount in gate receipts through the year.

The "wrestling trust," like other trusts has no soul. What it wants is the coin, and it doesn't care how it gets it. Lately there has been some disposition on the part of people to feel that the trust is too big to be controlled by the State. Naturally the trust resents this interference with "business." Everything possible has been done to keep credit promoters who are not in the trust, and the trust's wrestlers have been cunningly used to give the sport a black eye.

The boomerang effect of this is likely to be the complete barring of wrestling matches in New York State. Just as certain taking promoters have been cunningly used to give the sport a black eye.

Like any other sport, wrestling is all state in New York. It is a professional sport that is exciting and interesting enough to draw crowds to the gate usually falls into the hands of a few promoters, known as "the trust." That is, it has happened to wrestling. Strict and efficient control by State authorities would clear the crookedness. It would take a little time and some effort, but it can be done.

I recommend that course to the Governor of New York, both in boxing and wrestling. He should try to kill the "wrestling trust" by trying to kill two birds with one stone. The popularity of boxing has been demonstrated more clearly this year than ever before. Any time single match can draw \$1,000,000 to the gate, and \$1,000,000 spectators, as the Carpenter-Dempsey match did, it is a fair bet that the public likes and wants boxing.

It isn't necessary to consider only the big matches, either. Hundreds of small bouts have drawn capacity crowds to arenas like Madison Square Garden, armories and ball parks.

Wrestling would do fairly well too if honestly conducted.

**A QUESTIONABLE DECISION.** Say a funny one the other night when Dundee and Chaney met. Dundee outboxed Chaney and had the best of the bout until Chaney began walking in straight up, without block or guard, and Chaney drove him into Dundee's body. Dundee wilted quickly under the punishment, and claimed a foul. A moment later some one exclaimed a "dent" cup to prove his claim. That "dent" cup thing is a joke. I doubt that any blow delivered with a boxing glove could dent a cup.

In the round when Dundee claimed a foul, and it was allowed, he was hit fairly, and no possible doubt of it. In other words, Dundee quit, and got away with the decision and the belt. It's possible that Dundee was so distressed by Chaney's hard body blows that he thought he was fouled. Dundee's opponent gave him the decision on the evidence of the "dent" cup.

McFarland is as square as a die, and he tried his best to do the right thing. Which is a pity, because even a square referee can't always see everything.

But there's satisfaction in knowing that Dundee tried his best to do the right thing.

**A NEW BILLIARD MARVEL.** The magnificent playing of young Jake McDermott in the international billiard tournament at Chicago shows that while Hoppe at last has a rival who can give him a battle any time they meet.

McDermott, a youngster breaking through the ranks of the "billiard world," is a promising young light heavyweight.

## RULES, RULES, RULES!

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By Thornton Fisher

McMillin May Take \$7,000 Job

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 1.—"Bo" McMillin, the famous Cornell College star is considering Dallas University's offer of \$7,000 to coach its football team next season. He has had one conference already with the university's authorities but no definite agreement has been reached. "Bo" left Fort Worth to-day for Danville, Ky., to re-enter college. An announcement from there about his next year's plans is expected shortly.

NAVY'S FOOTBALL STARS GO IN FOR BOXING NOW

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 1.—Several of the navy's star football players have joined the boxing squad for a winter's session in the ring. Those trying for the "glory" are Capt. L. Conroy, who scored the winning touchdown against the army, Brachet, Frawley, Cruise, Oregon and McBride.

YALE OFFERS FOOTBALL DATE TO IOWA ELEVEN

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 1.—An offer of a football game with Yale in 1932, just prior to the Princeton game, was received to-day by athletic officials of Iowa University, champions of the Western Conference this year. The communication from there about the date would be held open for Iowa's decision.

MICHIGAN WON'T PLAY EASTERNERS

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 1.—Fielding H. Yost, University of Michigan athletic director, who leaves to-morrow for Chicago for the scheduled meeting of the "Big Ten," said to-day Michigan could not consider a game with an Eastern team next year.

HARVARD MAY ON OXFORD CREW, CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 1.—Harvard oarsmen have learned that Marine E. Olmsted of Harrisburg, Pa., member of the Crimson varsity crew last spring, has earned a place on the varsity rowing squad at Oxford University, England. He is attending Magdalen College, Olmsted rowed at No. 3 in the Harvard boat, which lost a year was a port oar. He is competing for the place at No. 6 in the Oxford crew.

Ruth's Crown Now Serving a Good Cause

Frank H. Ellison, Chairman of the Babe Ruth Crown Committee, having found the fans unwilling to subscribe for the statue of having their names engraved on the silver bauble and to own a baseball signed by the home run slugger, has turned the crown over to the New York Tuberculosis Association to aid in the sale of Xmas stamps and enlist support for the anti-tuberculosis movement in this city.

DATE FOR BOSTON A. A. MEET. BOSTON, Dec. 1.—The thirty-third annual indoor track games and relay carnival of the Boston Athletic Association will be held Feb. 4, 1932, it was announced to-day. The games will be staged again at the Boston arena.

CARBOEY LOSES IN PROVIDENCE. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 1.—Jack Delaney of Bridgeport, Conn., defeated Carboey in a twelve-round bout here last night.

## Flying Falls, Muldoon Plan To Kill Fake Wrestling; Bothner Talks Against It

Abolishing Pin Falls Worst That Could Happen to Sport, Says Latter.

By Robert Boyd.

CHAIRMAN WILLIAM MULDOON of the State Athletic Board thinks rolling or flying falls will kill off wrestling. He is not strong for the necessity of pin falls. George Bothner, for forty years a wrestler, respectfully disagrees with Muldoon. He has the interest of the sport just as much at heart. "Rolling and flying falls will not kill off wrestling. They will kill the whole game," says George.

The controversy, timely and interesting, has grown out of the Strangler Lewis-Zbyzsko championship match of Monday night, when Zbyzsko won the championship and diamond belt on the rolling and flying variety of falls. Heretofore pin falls, the holding of an opponent's shoulders to the mat until the referee is satisfied both are down, has been considered the only up-to-date way of deciding matches.

In the forty years past that I have been involved in the mat game," said Bothner to-day, "I have yet to see a contest decided on rolling and flying falls. In my amateur days there was a rule permitting rolling and rolling falls in the A. A. U. ranks, but that too has been revised, as it proved too slow. Chairman Muldoon considers that it is a step forward to uplit the mat game in the State. I might cite the disapproval of the audience that attended the Lewis-Zbyzsko match when the announcement was made that rolling and rolling falls would be permitted.

## Jeff Smith and Mike McTigue Clash in Fifteen-Round Bout

Three Other Ten-Round Contests Scheduled in Garden To-Night.

By John Pollock.

Fight fans in this vicinity will have a chance to witness four more round bouts in Madison Square Garden to-night. Promoter Tex Rickard will stage a main bout of fifteen rounds and three of eight rounds duration. In the stellar event, Jeff Smith of Bayonne battles Mike McTigue, the Irish middleweight. The three preliminary contests are Jimmy Finley of Louisville vs. Phil Salvatore, Al Walker of California vs. Marty Collins and Johnny Reiser vs. Mike Arre.

Matchmaker Eddie McMahon of the Star Sporting Club of Harlem has arranged a two-round bout between Frankie Curry and Bud Dempsey in addition to the feature bout between Johnny Harter and Alie Nash next Monday night.

Mike Gibbons, who is trying hard to get on a bout in this vicinity with Mike O'Dowd, will be seen in action again to-night. He will go against Phil King, the New York lightweight, in a ten-round bout at the Newark Athletic Club at Levee Gardens at Newark, N. J. Immediately after this go Gibbons and his manager, Mike Collins, will leave for St. Louis where Gibbons fights Augie Natser twelve rounds on Monday night.

Eddie O'Hare, the promising young light heavyweight of Fort Erie, who defeated Chuck Higgins of Indianapolis in a fifteen-round bout at New Orleans on Monday night, was staged up to-day by Leo Flynn to meet Pat McCarthy in a ten-round bout at Providence Dec. 4. O'Hare has been improving in every fight that he has had for the last six months.

There will be two important fights fought at the

## LAWN TENNIS HEAD TO DENY HE BRANDED LENGLEN A "QUITTER"

It is expected that before the end of the week Julian S. Myrick, President of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, will reply to the charges from the other side that he branded the action of Mlle. Lenglen at Forest Hills last summer, when she "retired" in her match with Mrs. Mallory, after losing one set, as "feigned illness." The French Federation, according to a cable report, said that in a letter sent to them "the highest tennis official in the United States" (which of course is Mr. Myrick) called their champion a "quitter." It is believed that Mr. Myrick will deny that he ever wrote any such letter.

## Centre, Home of Football Stars, Has Basketball Game Scheduled With Crack Team of Brooklyn

Poly Tech Five Opens Season Across Bridge To-Morrow Night.

The Brooklyn Polytechnic basketball schedule as announced to-day includes a game with Center College to be played in Brooklyn on Feb. 11. The Kentucky team has promised to meet the local five, and the contest promises another treat for Greater New York fans. The complete schedule of Poly, with the opening game against Cooper Union to-morrow night, follows:

Dec. 2, Cooper Union; Dec. 3, at Columbia; Dec. 7, Princeton; Dec. 10, St. Francis; Dec. 17, Yale; Dec. 22, Catholic University; Dec. 24, Brown University; Jan. 7, at New York University; Jan. 14, open; Jan. 21, at Verity; Jan. 25, at Chester Military Institute; Jan. 27, at Johns Hopkins; Jan. 28-30, open; Jan. 31, at Drexel; Feb. 1, open; Feb. 5, St. Lawrence; Feb. 11, Centre; Feb. 17, Springfield; Feb. 22, Trinity.

The original Celtics travel to Springfield this evening to meet the home team; Marion Midgots play Fordham Triangle Midgots at P. S. 46 courts; Onyx Big Five tackles Central Hook and Ladder Company, on the latter's court; Filmore A. plays Hickory A. C. at P. S. 133, Manhattan, and Immaculate Club crosses nets with Osmann Club on the former's court, Brooklyn.

The Bronx County Five, formerly the Annunciations, and one of the oldest local quintets in existence, have been playing in good form this season. The team lines up with Jack Stanley, Joe Fitzpatrick, Jim Houlihan, Larry Leonard and Jack Barrett and have been holding their own with the leading five of New York and out of town quintets.

The fast travelling aggregation of the S. S. Ruskey Company, champions of the Consolidated Stock Exchange League, sent the R. H. Macy Five down to its first defeat in a recent game at Tammany Hall. The final score read 36 to 22. The feature of the game was the playing of Honey Russell of the winners. A return contest will be staged Tuesday evening at Savage Gymnasium.

The strong Spartan Big Five have given up their home court and in the future will compete in all travelling games. The Spartan line-up with Hacher, Metz, Warch, Schilder, Glick and Cohen, has several open dates. Address Irving Warsch, 491 East 172d Street, city.

The Brooklyn Separates kept up their winning streak by defeating the fast St. Jerome Catholic Club, 23 to 22. The winners will endeavor to make the record six straight when they tackle the Loughlin Lyceum Five this evening. For open dates address 21, E.

## Patsey Haley Makes Suggestion About Selecting Ring Judges

There has been a lot of criticism of late regarding the many poor decisions reached in boxing matches at the various boxing clubs. Several poor awards have been rendered in bouts at the smaller clubs decisions have been given which seemed absolutely unwarranted. The Boxing Commission has been kept awake at nights trying to think up some scheme of securing more generally approved verdicts. They have even gone so far as to ask various sporting writers to act as judges.

However, Patsy Haley, who has proved one of the most popular of all referees in this city for the past ten years, offers a suggestion that sounds good. He says that referees who have already proved capable should be used as judges on the nights they are not acting as third man. Furthermore, he thinks that if there are not enough good referees now it would be a good idea to appoint a number of old-time fighters to act as judges.

## CARPENTIER WELL ENOUGH TO RESUME TRAINING

PARIS, Dec. 1.—Georges Carpentier, European heavyweight champion, who was forced by illness to ask a postponement of his fight in London with George Cook, Australian heavyweight, has recovered sufficiently to resume light training. It was announced to-day at his La Guerche training quarters. Carpentier had lost twelve pounds during his illness but he is now back to normal weight. He is also the proud possessor now of a cute, blond mustache.

**Surgeon Fixing Up Ball Players.** CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Urban "Red" Faber, premier pitcher of the Chicago Americans, is convalescing in a hospital here to-day after an operation for the removal of the internal semi-lunar cartilage for the right knee. Faber injured the knee while slipping while fielding a ball. Bobby Roth, outfielder with the New York Americans, will undergo a similar operation here next Monday.

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